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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT VIETNAMESE OBSERVER'S OFFICE

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 AM, APRIL 12, FOUR PERSONS ENTERED OFFICES OF PERMANENT OBSERVER OF VIETNAM TO UN, FIFTH FLOOR, 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, AND WERE GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WITH AMB NGUYEN HUU CHI. DURING INTERVIEW VISITORS BECAME BOISTEROUS AND AMB CHI ASKED THEM TO LEAVE. AS THEY EXITED THE OFFICES THEY CUT OPEN TWO PINT-SIZED PLASTIC BAGS OF A RED LIQUID WHICH THEY SPLASHED ON FLOOR AND OFFICE DOOR. DEMONSTRATORS THEN SAT DOWN IN FRONT OF ENTRANCE TO MISSION OFFICES AND BEGAN A SILENT PRAYER.

2. EPS OFFICER DOUGLAS ARCOS ASSIGNED TO FIFTH FLOOR (TO COVER LEBANESE, IRANIAN AND ETHIOPIAN MISSIONS) WAS SUMMONED BY VIETNAMESE OBSERVER'S OFFICE AND ASKED TO REMOVE DEMONSTRATORS. OFFICER ARCOS INFORMED DEMONSTRATORS THEY WERE IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 US CODE, SECTION 112, SUB-SECTION C (HARASSMENT OF DIPLOMATIC FACILITY), AND ORDER THEM TO LEAVE. WHEN THEY REFUSED ALL FOUR WERE ARRESTED BY EPS OFFICERS AND BOOKED AT 17TH POLICE PRECINCT. THEY WERE LATER TAKEN TO US COURT HOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE, AND ARRAIGNED BEFORE

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US ATTORNEY GROSS. THOSE ARRESTED WERE:

JOHN P. EGAN (CATHOLIC PRIEST), MALE , WHITE, 39
YEARS OLD, 254 FIRST STREET, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

SISTER JUDITH L. PELUSO, FEMALE, WHITE, 32 YEARS OLD,
SISTERS OF CHARITY, 2324 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, BRONX,
NEW YORK

THERESA KOHLENBERG, FEMALE, WHITE 20 YEARS OLD,
1933 PARK AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

PETER M. SEIFERD, MALE, WHITE, 31 YEARS OLD,
175 EAST 102ND STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

4. DEMONSTRATORS REFUSED TO NAME THEIR ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER,
ON APRIL 10, A SMALL GROUP (FOUR PERSONS), REPRESENTING
CATHOLIC PEACE FELLOWSHIP, PICKETED IN FRONT OF 866 UNITED
NATIONS PLAZA AND PRESENTED A PETITION TO VIETNAMESE MISSION
PROTESTING IMPRISONMENT OF BUDDHIST MONKS.

5. VIETNAMESE MISSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THOSE COVERED BY
EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE ON FIFTH FLOOR, 866 UNITED NATIONS
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